



Propane Watch

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- Frigid temperatures that gripped parts of the Nation last week contributed to the more than 3.0 million barrel (MMB) decline in U.S. inventories of propane. As of week ending January 14, 2000, U.S. inventories stood at an estimated 36.6 MMB, a level that remains slightly below the normal range for this time of year. Regional inventories continued lower in all the major areas last week with East Coast inventories falling by nearly 0.3 MMB, while the Midwest and Gulf Coast regions continued reporting the sharpest declines in inventories, down 1.6 MMB and 1.1 MMB, respectively. East Coast inventories remained above the normal range last week, while inventories in the Midwest region continued to track at the lower limit of the normal range. Gulf Coast inventories continued to fall below the normal range for this time of year.
- With the late arrival of winter weather, Midwest inventories may begin to feel the impact of stronger heating demand that was lacking during the first half of the winter heating season because of the mild temperatures. Moreover, with Gulf Coast inventories falling further below the normal range, the Midwest region inventories may come under even stronger demand if extremely cold weather persists well into February.

Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

Districts	December 1998	January 1999	Week Ending				
			12/24/99	12/31/99	01/07/00	01/14/00	01/15/99
East Coast (PADD I)	5,069	2,889	^E 5,333	^E 4,822	^E 5,289	^E 4,999	3,479
Midwest (PADD II)	26,995	19,460	^E 21,822	^E 19,491	^E 17,802	^E 16,239	22,527
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29,972	23,103	^E 18,623	^E 17,142	^E 15,098	^E 14,014	26,163
Total (PADD I-III)	62,036	45,452	^E 45,778	^E 41,455	^E 38,189	^E 35,252	52,169
U.S. Total	64,633	47,535	^E 47,473	^E 42,989	^E 39,601	^E 36,557	54,099

E=Estimated data.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

Propane Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I and II (Cents per Gallon)

District	Wholesale					Residential				
	11/15/99	12/06/99	12/20/99	01/03/00	01/04/99	11/15/99	12/06/99	12/20/99	01/03/00	01/04/99
East Coast (PADD I)	52.4	51.6	52.1	53.9	29.7	116.6	118.1	^R 118.9	120.1	106.7
New England (PADD IX)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	120.0	121.3	122.1	122.8	111.8
Central Atlantic (PADD IY)	53.0	52.4	52.3	54.5	30.8	117.8	119.6	^R 120.4	121.9	108.4
Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ)	51.7	50.7	51.9	53.1	28.3	110.6	111.4	112.5	113.3	97.8
Midwest (PADD II)	44.0	41.9	41.7	42.4	23.7	84.7	85.7	87.0	87.4	74.3
Average	46.2	44.4	44.4	45.4	25.1	98.4	99.6	100.7	101.4	88.3

NA=Not Available.

R=Revised.

Source: Wholesale propane prices are based on Oil Price Information Service. Residential propane prices are available from data supplied by 23 State Energy Offices from October through March on a semi-monthly basis.

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